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Attorney Docket No. 040094/0101

Applicant:

Judith C. CLARK

Title:

REUSABLE ORNAMENT AND REUSABLE ORNAMENT

COUPLING APPARATUS AND METHOD

Serial No.:

09/989,007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), please substitute for original claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14-16, 18, 19, 30 and 34, the following clean version of the claims, in which those claims have been amended. The changes those claims are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Also, please add new claims 35-43 as provided below.

1. (Amended) An attachment mechanism for a first object to be services releasably attached to a second object, comprising:

a first adhering unit that has a first adhering surface for adhering to the first object, and a second adhering surface;

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.

[] Small Entity statement is enclosed.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	43	_	34	=	9	×	\$18.00	=	\$162.00
Independents:	16		14	=	2	- x	\$84.00	=	\$168.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$280.00							\$280.00	=	\$0.00
					С	LAIMS	FEE TOTAL:	=	\$330.00
[X]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):								\$165.00
	TOTAL FEE:								\$165.00

- [X] A check in the amount of \$165.00 is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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